(b) So far, project proposals for 67674 number of road works for 237725.44 km of road length for a value of Rs. 48,832.74 crores have been approved. So far 42371 number of roads having 132923.12 km road length has been completed and an expenditure of Rs. 23234.82 crore has been incurred. Balance works are either in progress or under process of tendering/award by the States.

(c) Steps have been taken to improve the pace of implementation of the Programme, through enhanced allocation of funds, training of field staff including contractor's staff, providing interest free advance for procurement of required plants and machinery, continuous and regular monitoring of the programme. The Standard Bidding Document has also been amended, *inter-alia,* to relax the qualification criteria for participation in the PMGSY tenders, to allow participation of joint ventures, to provide flexibility to States to float larger sized packages and to provide non-financial incentives for project completion on schedule. In Bihar and Tripura, central agencies have been awarded the work. The Union Minister has written to the State Governments to augment their institutional and contracting capacity to accelerate the pace of programme implementation.

Extension of cluster development programme to more cities

1196. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government is including more cities in Cluster Development Programme especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria set to include the same;

(d) the number of clusters existing in each District in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) what is the present status of each cluster; and

(f) how it would he beneficial to the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S, ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government of India has selected additional 100 Clusters in 2006-07 in consultation with the State Governments and Weavers' Service Centres concerned, out of which 10 clusters have been identified for development in the State of Andhra Pradesh, which are (i) Payakaraopeta-Vishakhapatnam Distt., (ii) Pedana-Krishna Distt., (iii) Isukpalli, Illavaraim-Guntur.Mt.,Guntur Distt., (iv) Muddireddipally-Ananthapur Distt., (v) Proddutur-Cuddapah Distt., (vi) Siripuram-Yellanki-Nalgonda Distt., (vii)) Gadwal-Mahboobnagar Distt., (viii) Puttapaka-Nalgonda Distt., (ix) Kothapalli-Karimnagar Distt., (x) Yemmiganur-Kurnul Distt. States have been allocated quota of the clusters based on the number of hand looms in the State.

(d) As per the Census of handlooms 1995-96, there are handloom clusters in 23 districts of Andhra Pradesh, having varying number of handlooms.

(e) and (f) Diagnostic study of the 10 selected clusters has been conducted to assess the needs and requirements of the particular clusters. The Integrated Handloom Development Scheme will benefit handloom workers by developing these

handloom clusters in an inclusive, holistic, sustainable and self-reliant manner. The scheme envisages organizing the Self Help Groups, developing their roduct capabilities and linking them to the market for their improved earnings.

Textile parks in different cities

†1197. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to establish 25 textile parks in the different cities of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the cities where these parks are going to be established;

(c) whether there being a large number of wearers in Nagpur and also Nagpur being a centre of textile industry, the textile park will be established in Nagpur very soon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP), Industry Associations/Groups of Entrepreneurs are the main promoters of Textile Park. To facilitate development of infrastructure for setting up of textile units, Government of India provides assistance @ 40% of the project cost of common infrastructure and facilities' subject to the limit of Rs. 40 crore. During the Tenth Five Year Plan, 30 Textiles Park projects were approved. Locations of these projects are- Mahboob Nagar, Ananthpur, Pochampally and Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, Ahmedabad, Surat (3 projects), Kutch, Kheda and Sanand in Gujarat, Ichalkaranji (3 projects), Baramati, Tarapur and Wada in Maharashtra, Perundurai, Cuddalore, Palladam, Komarapalayam, Karur and Maduri in Tamil Nadu, Kishangarh (2 projects), Pali and Hasteda in Rajasthan, Dodaballapur in Karnataka, Dhaula (Barnala) in Punjab and Kolkata in West Bengal.

(c) and (d) During the Tenth Five Year Plan, no proposal was received from any Industry Association/Group of Entrepreneurs to set up Textiles Park in Nagpur. Government is not averse to consider any proposal to develop Textiles Park in Nagpur region.

Production and export of cloth

1198. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of production of cloth in various textiles units such as handloom, powerloom, synthetic yarn, readymade garments and hosiery item manufactured in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of export of cloth by all textiles units made during this period, year-wise; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government to boost export of cloth and garments manufactured in these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The cloth is produced by mill handloom, powerloom and hosiery

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.